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TO : Chief, FBIS

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FROM : Chief, Saigon Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - November 1964

I. GENERAL

Security. The Viet Cong showed a new boldness in regard to penetration of the Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh security area following its successful attack on the Bien Hoa airbase on 1 November. On 5 November a heavily-armed platoon of Viet Cong entered the village of An Khanh, directly across the Saigon River from the Hotel Majestic and less than 1,000 yards from the U.S. Embassy, in an attempt to kidnap a village chief. Overall, however, Viet Cong military activity remained at a relatively low level.

There were indications the VC planned to step up terrorist activity in Saigon itself. On 18 November a bomb was exploded in the Air Vietnam snack bar at Tan Son Nhut, injuring 19 persons including six Americans, and on 27 November a bomb was thrown at the guest house of the American Aid Mission. Student and Buddhist demonstrations against the Huong government during the last week of the month were exploited by the VC, and the U.S. Forces radio warned Americans to stay off the streets except for official business during the height of the rioting.

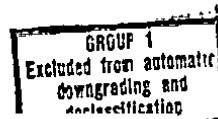
Curfew. As a result of rioting against the Huong regime, martial law was declared in Saigon-Gia Dinh, with a tight Army-enforced curfew from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. With previously issued police curfew passes no longer valid, the Bureau was forced to cut back its evening coverage from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. at least temporarily, with two programs usually taken during that period transferred to Okinawa. Evening shift personnel was taken home by Embassy duty car at 10:05 p.m. At the month's end attempts were being made to obtain curfew passes for one Vietnamese and one Cambodian monitor to permit the Bureau to resume 10-11 p.m. coverage.

Communications. Outages due to preemption continued extensively during November, but the RUAB-RUABSG circuit was normally obtained for at least a few hours a day, and long, solid outages of several days seemed to be less frequent.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial. Publishable wordage reached a new monthly high of 246,000, including 205,000 from voice casts (84,000 from Radio

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Phnom Penh). Weekly voice coverage: 181 hours. Due to poor reception of Phnom Penh during early morning hours, an evening Cambodian program was added to coverage. The Bureau absorbed an increase in Vietnamese coverage resulting from an Okinawa Bureau monitor being on home leave, although some of this had to be returned temporarily to Okinawa due to the curfew problem.

Editorial. Special editions of the Press and Radio Highlights were published 3 and 4 November with communist reaction to the attack on the Bien Hoa airbase.

Liaison. New standing services: PRH for British Consul General in Hanoi; PRH for Fifth U.S. Special Forces; six additional copies PRH for 2d Air Division; items on downed aircraft and personnel for 2d Air Division; revised distribution of PRH for MACV at Chief of Staff's request. Ad hoc services: excerpts of 25 November Sihanouk statement at BEC request; Soviet reaction to Life magazine interview with Ambassador Taylor, for political section of Embassy; tape recordings of "Hanoi Hamrah" broadcasts, for headquarters; teletype carbons of reaction to Bien Hoa attack for Ambassador Taylor, General Youngdale (J-2), and General Stilwell (Chief of Staff); reports on overflights of DRV and Cambodian borders for 2d Air Div intelligence; Vietnamese language text of Liberation Radio broadcast of "Vanguard" editorial for Deputy Ambassador Johnson. In addition, RPB provided from its files by wire Soviet statements of support for the Liberation Front and Khrushchev statements on "wars of liberation" at request of Ambassador Taylor. The MACV PIO, in giving a special radio report to the American community over AFRS on the rioting in Saigon, relied heavily on texts of decrees broadcast by Radio Saigon and translated by FBIS.

Technical. The Embassy telecommunications office proposed renovation of the antenna complex on the Annex roof. Details were forwarded to the Engineering Staff for study.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel. [redacted] Cambodian monitor, was graduated from grade 13 of the Vietnamese-American Association English classes. Former monitor [redacted] now a lieutenant in ARVN, was chosen to read the citations in English at the burial of Americans killed in the Bien Hoa attack; his photograph, along with Saigon area commander General Dong, appeared in the Stars and Stripes.

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Attachments

1. Classified Personnel Report
 2. Foreign Personnel Report
 3. Broadcast Coverage Report
- (Communications Outage Report to be sent separately)

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SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 DECEMBER 1964

Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	poor	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0500-0515	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0030	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	not ThF	good	1
Vietnamese	"	is	1330-1430	"	daily	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao	0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"	0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French	0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao	0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French	2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Liberation Radio

Vietnamese	0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)	0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"	1130-1200	"	"	poor	2
"	1230-1300	"	"	poor	2
"	2330-0000	"	not Su	poor	2
Cambodian	1030-1045	"	daily	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French	0000-0100	irreg	irreg	poor	1
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Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand

Thai		0100-0130	irreg	irreg	fair	2
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Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French		2300-2345	irreg	irreg	poor	2
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Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0530-0615	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	poor	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" ThF	good	2
Mandarin	"	is	0700-0720	"	" SS	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" ThF	fair	2

USSR

Cambodian	Moscow	is	1030-1100	daily	daily	fair	1
Vietnamese	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	fair	1
"	"	is	1300-1330	"	TTh	fair	1
"	"	is	1430-1500	"	TTh	fair	1

Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese (D)	Hanoi VNA	n-s Viet.	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0430	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0445-0515	"	"	fair	1
" (D)	" VNA	n-s viet.	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	s viet.	1030-1100	"	" Su	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1145	"	daily	good	1
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	"	good	2
"	"	ds	2300-2330	"	not Su	poor	2
Rhade, Jarai	"	n-s viet.	0345-0415	TTh	TTh	fair	2
" "	"	n-s viet.	1300-1330	MF	MF	fair	2
" "	"	n-s viet.	2330-0000	WF	WF	fair	2
English	"	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY twice-daily (Sunday,one) bulletins covered by scrutiny

English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2
Vietnamese	"	ds	0400-0410	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	0900-0905	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1